

REMARKS

Claims 7-14 and 16-27 are pending in the application. Claim 7 has been amended and Claims 1-6 and 15 have been cancelled. Additionally, the specification has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error. No new matter has been introduced by the Amendment.

The allowance of Claims 18-27 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Drawing Objection:

The drawing has been objected to for an alleged failure to show the two independent circuits recited in claim 16 and the independent switches recited in claim 17. This objection is overcome in view of the following remarks.

In FIG. 8 of the applicant's drawing, the applicants illustrate the electrical control system of their stage lighting system. In FIG. 8, the applicants illustrate a master control 141 that is connected to a wiring bus 144. The wiring bus includes a plurality of junctions 152 that are electrically coupled to individual light bars within the light frame 12 (illustrated in FIG. 2). In FIG. 8, circuits and switches 150 are illustrated that are coupled to individual lights 146 (designated by shading) and other lights 140 (not shaded). Two separate circuits are housed within master control 141 and wiring bus 144. One of the two circuits is coupled to lights 146 and the other circuit is coupled to lights 148. Further, each light is controlled by an individual switch 150 and each light bar is controlled by junctions 152.

The applicant's assert that those skilled in the art, upon reading the applicants' specification, in particular paragraphs 0040-0042, will fully comprehend the circuitry recited in claims 16 and 17. Accordingly, the applicants' assert that FIG. 8 properly illustrates the major circuitry components of their light control system 140. Accordingly, the applicants assert that their drawing adequately provides an understanding of the invention as required by 35 U.S.C. § 113 and MPEP § 608.02.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1 and 4-6 have been rejected over Wanuch et al. This rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 4-6.

Claims 1-3 and 7-14 have been rejected over a Richardson Co. document. The rejection of claims 1-3 is now mute in view of the cancellation of those claims.

The rejection of claims 7-14 is overcome in view of the amendment of claim 7.

In the instant Office Action, claim 15 was objected to as being dependent upon the rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the applicants have amended claim 7 to include the limitation recited in claim 15. Further, claim 15 has been cancelled in view of the amendment of claim 7.

Claims 8-14 and 16-17 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 7. These claims are allowable in view of the amendment pertaining to claim 7.

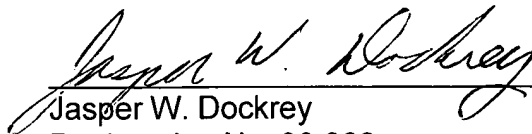
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 16-17 have been rejected over the Richardson Co. document in view of Hunt et al. This rejection is overcome in view of the amendment and remarks pertaining to claim 7, from which claims 16 and 17 directly and indirectly depend.

The additionally cited prior art has been carefully examined and found not to be relevant to the applicants pending claims.

The applicants have made a novel and non-obvious contribution to the art of mobile stage lighting system design. The claims at issue distinguish over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such allowance is now earnestly requested.

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